

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

Community input is an important part of the program to help guide property cleanup, reuse and redevelopment activities. Identifying and responding to environmental concerns is enhanced when individual community members become involved. To report concerns regarding illegal dumping, hazardous materials, contaminated land or pollution concerns call (906) 524-5757.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To learn more about the program or to make an appointment to view the Public Record contact:

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BROWNFIELDS TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAM



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WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

The term “brownfield” is defined by the United States Environmental Protection (EPA) Agency as “real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.”

It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the United States. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and improves and protects the environment.

TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAM

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) received its initial Brownfields Tribal Response Program grant from the U.S. EPA in 2003. The Tribal Response Program is designed to identify and address contaminated or potentially contaminated properties that are present on lands under the jurisdiction of KBIC. The goal of the program is to identify, cleanup, and reuse impacted property in a manner that protects human health and the environment. Examples of brownfield sites present on KBIC land are illegal dump sites and former gas stations.



PROGRAM ELEMENTS

The elements of the Tribal Response Program include the following:

- Timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites
- Development of oversight and enforcement authorities
- Mechanisms and resources to provide opportunities for public participation
- Mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plan and verification that cleanup is complete

The program also requires the establishment and maintenance of a public record including sites at which response actions are planned or have been completed.